

Remarks

Applicant has canceled claims 1-3, 7-10, 12-14, 18-21, 23, and 26-32, but reserves the right to file them in a continuation application. Claims 4-6, 11, 15-17, 22, and 24-25 remain for consideration in the application. All those claims have been allowed. Applicant submits that this amendment places the application facially in condition for allowance, and requests that a notice of allowance be issued.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103


Claims 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kitaoka* (U.S. Patent No. 6,400,659) in view of *Kita et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,798,161). This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of the claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the application contains only claims that have been allowed, and respectfully requests that a withdrawal of the Final Rejection and a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this application, please contact the undersigned at (612) 312-2203.

Respectfully submitted,

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